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BCIT TO OFFER NEW ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE

BURNABY – The British Columbia Institute of Technology will soon offer a new bachelor of engineering degree in electrical engineering, increasing the number of skilled workers in this high-demand field, Advanced Education Minister Murray Coell announced today.

"Our booming knowledge-based economy and construction boom have meant new opportunities for electrical engineering professionals in the province," said Coell. "We're expanding choices for students while at the same time ensuring our economy remains competitive."

Electrical engineers are employed in design, research and testing of electrical and electronic equipment and systems. BC Work Futures projects a higher than average employment growth of 2.4 per cent over the next three years in areas such as electrical utilities, communications companies and manufacturers of electrical and computer equipment.

"Our new degree program will be practitioner-based, technically current, with the appropriate balance of theoretical and applied aspects of engineering," said BCIT president Don Wright. "BCIT contributes to the success of its graduates and British Columbia's economy by building its programs around the knowledge and skills that employers consider most important and relevant to today's workplace."

BCIT will begin offering the new degree program in September 2008.

Since 2003, more than 150 undergraduate and graduate degrees have been approved that complement government's Pacific Leadership Agenda, helping B.C. improve its competitiveness and productivity through education and skills training.

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